

B. Specification

Please amend the abstract at page 18 as follows:

A polylactide in a purified state, which meets the requirements of

the colour strengths of reference solutions B₂-B₉ of the brown colour test

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and

containing one or more metals in cationic form, the metal ion(s) having a

concentration of at most 10 ppm.

is an ester of a polyol containing at least three hydroxyl groups and is off-white to white in color. The polylactide in a purified state contains one or more metals in cationic form, the one or more metals having a concentration up to 10 ppm. The polylactide is especially suitable for use as microparticles or implants[[],] and contains preferably a hydrophilic drug, like octreotide or a lipophilic drug like bromocriptine.